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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR ICE OFFICERS  
YOUNG AND ALONZO TO ESCORT DEPORTEE POLEON TO ST. LUCIA

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¶11. Embassy Bridgetown grants country clearance for  
ICE Officers Ivory Young and Luis Alonzo to escort  
criminal Mandy Poleon #A041791282 to St. Lucia on  
February 16, 2006.

¶12. Embassy RSO has notified St. Lucia authorities of  
the details of the visit. Understand that further  
Embassy assistance is not required. If you have any  
questions, please contact Nancy Nelson at Embassy  
Bridgetown Tel:(246) 436-4950, x2430 or Fax: 1 246/430-  
3747, E-mail: NelsonNE@state.gov. For 24-hour contact  
please access the embassy number and extension 2210.

¶13. Unfortunately, post's resources do not allow us the  
flexibility to meet and assist visitors at the airport.  
However, Customs and Immigration are visitor-friendly.  
The exchange rate is approximately \$2.70 EC for \$1.00  
USD. U.S. currency, traveler's checks, and credit  
cards are routinely and widely accepted here.

¶14. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. passport is  
required to enter St. Lucia. No visa is required if  
your stay is under six months, including those  
travelers arriving with diplomatic or official  
passports. For further information, travelers may  
contact the Embassy St. Lucia in Washington, 3216 New  
Mexico Avenue, NW 20016, TEL 202-364-6792 FAX 202-364-  
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¶15. Departure tax for St. Lucia is \$50.00 EC or \$19.00  
USD.

¶16. The following is general information pertaining to  
security and health considerations throughout the  
Eastern Caribbean:

#### SECURITY

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In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established tourist areas is not generally recommended, especially at night. Be vigilant when using public telephones or ATM facilities near roadsides or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in room safes.

#### HEALTH INFORMATION

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In Barbados, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent, the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by the Aedes Aegypti mosquito. Persons should therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing incidence of HIV/AIDS. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations, i.e., Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and oral polio vaccine are required when traveling to this region. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn, and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens or sunblocks should be used for protection. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands of the Eastern Caribbean, and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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